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FOR: CONTENT MANAGEMENT METHOD, RECORDING AND/OR REPRODUCING APPARATUS, AND RECORDING MEDIUM

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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

Reference AO (2001-22859) on Form PTO-1449:

When content data is transferred from one medium to another, the invention of the publication prevents the making of an illegal copy by recording accounting information, information on the number of times data is output, information on the number of times an input is entered, and ID information which identifies a medium data is transferred to. Subject to these restrictions, content data can be transferred among users. The invention of the publication does not disclose anything regarding a content encoding key-management method that enables content data to be transferred among different media.

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According to this publication, a unique media ID is recorded in a main information recording area (which is adapted to store encrypted data information) and in a recordable portion of a read-in area located inward of the main information recording area, by irradiation of a laser beam. The unique ID is used as key information on the encryption key of the main information so as to attain a "copy-once" function. The publication has nothing to do with the applicant's technology of enabling information to be consecutively transferred from one medium to another.

Reference AQ (9-136709) on Form PTO-1449:

This reference is referred to in the specification.

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